

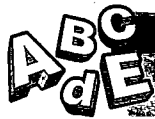


GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 2-1

The Nile Valley

Directions: Outlining Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn more about the Nile valley. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

- I. The Egyptians relied upon the _____ for their water needs.
 - A. The Nile River is the world's _____ river.
 1. The Nile River flows for a distance of _____ miles.
 2. The Nile begins as two separate rivers, the _____ flowing from Eastern Africa and the _____ from the marshes of Central Africa.
 - B. Geographic features of the Nile River _____ the Egyptians.
 1. To the far south, the Nile's dangerous _____ blocked enemy boats.
 2. In the north, the _____ marshes offered no harbors for invaders from the sea.
- II. The Egyptians had to cope with river _____, although they were more dependable and gentle than those of the Tigris and Euphrates.
 - A. As a result of regular flooding, the Egyptians were able to farm and live _____.
 1. After the floodwaters went down, the farmers were left with a layer of dark, _____ mud.
 2. One reason for the Egyptians' successful farming was their wise use of _____.
 - B. Egyptians _____ technology for their society.
 1. The Egyptians used _____ to make writing paper.
 2. Egyptians developed their own system of writing called _____.
 3. Extra amounts of food freed some people to work as _____ instead of farmers.
- III. Around 3100 B.C., Egypt's two major kingdoms were combined into _____.
 - A. _____, also known as Menes, is the king credited for unification.
 - B. Egyptian society was divided into _____ based on wealth and power.



VOCABULARY ACTIVITY 2-1

The Nile Valley: Words to Know

Directions: Word Puzzle The alphabetical list below contains the letters for spelling the terms that answer the questions below. Write the term to answer each question, and cross out the letters in the box used to spell the term. Use the nine extra letters to complete question 6.

cataract	dynasty	delta
hieroglyphics	papyrus	
A A A A A C C C D D E E E E G H I I I I L L L		
N N O P P P R R R R R S S S T T T T U V Y Y Y Y		

- The Nile River branches out over an area of fertile soil. What is this area called?

- The Egyptians developed writing using thousands of picture symbols. What was their writing called?

- Boulders in the Nile form wild rapids. What are these rapids called?

- The Egyptians used a reed plant that grew along the Nile to make baskets, sandals, rafts, and paper. What was the name of this plant?

- Egyptian rulers passed their power from father to son to grandson. What is the term for a line of rulers from one family?

- The nine extra letters can be reordered to spell the name of the longest river in the world. Write the letters in the correct order to spell this name.

Building Academic Vocabulary

survey, verb

Directions: You may use a dictionary or the Internet to help you answer the following question. Then circle the letter of the word(s) that has the closest meaning to the boldface word.

- Egyptians **surveyed** the fields to see where one began and the other ended.
A. walked through B. measured C. planted D. split